

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Cross-Reference to Related Applications paragraph at page 1, lines 7 through 12 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of ~~prior-filed~~ application U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 08/842,898, entitled "Novel CRSP-1 Compositions and Therapeutic and Diagnostic Uses Therefor", filed April 17, 1997 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 08/843,704, filed April 16, 1997 (now abandoned)[[.]]
~~The present application also , and~~ claims the benefit of ~~prior-filed provisional application~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 60/071,589, filed January 15, 1998 (~~Attorney Docket No.: MEI-008-1~~). The contents of each of the above-referenced patent applications are incorporated herein by this reference in their entirety.